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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In view of the patent issuance of the parent and related applications, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended) A drilling fluid additive system comprising:  
a drilling fluid additive comprising talc, graphite, uintaite and at least one carrier, said carrier is selected from a group consisting of oils, esters, glycols, cellulose, olefins and mixtures thereof; and hydrophilic clay, a pH controller, a fluid loss controller, and at least one dispersant.
2. (cancelled) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 1 wherein said drilling fluid additive further comprises uintaite.
3. (original) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 1 wherein said carrier comprises polypropylene glycol.